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E.O.11652:GDS  
TAGS: OCON, NATO, MILI  
SUBJECT: AWACS BRIEFING FOR SWEDEN

REF: STATE 43358 DTG 180156ZFEB78

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH OUR NORWEGIAN AND DANISH COLLEAGUES POSSIBLE SWEDISH INTEREST IN AN AWACS BRIEFING. NEITHER CONTACT COULD SEE AN OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDING SUCH A BRIEFING. HOWEVER, OUR NORWEGIAN CONTACT POINTED OUT THAT THE BRIEFING SHOULD BE GENERAL AND CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE, CONCENTRATING ON TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES, AND AVOIDING ANY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OR STATIONING OF THE SYSTEM IN THE NORTHERN REGION. HE WAS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE LEAKS TO THE PRESS AND THE PREMATURE AND UNINFORMED PUBLIC DEBATE THAT COULD RESULT. OUR DANISH CONTACT EXPRESSED NO CONCERN. HOWEVER HE OPINED THAT INTEREST IN AWACS MAY CAUSE THE SWEDES THEIR OWN POLITICAL PROBLEMS, GIVEN THEIR NEUTRAL POSITION.

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2. WE SEE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO BRIEFING THE SWEDES ON AWACS PROVIDED THE ABOVE NORWEGIAN CONCERNS ARE ACCOMMODATED. HOWEVER, WE DO SEE THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DELAY TO THE NATO AWACS PROGRAM IF SUCH A BRIEFING IS PROVIDED BEFORE NATO MAKES A DECISION. GIVEN THE EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE IN FRONT OF US, WE WOULD NOT

LIKE TO SEE ANY NATION CALL FOR AN ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT  
ON THE NATO PROGRAM OF A POSSIBLE SWEDISH BUY OF AWACS.  
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